

COMBINED DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
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BEHIND THE EAR HEARING AID SYSTEM

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (a)-(e) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

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PCT	PCT/US98/14795	July 17, 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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